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Glenn Howard watches Team Brent Ross make a shot, at the OCA Ontario Tankard Men's Challenge Round, held January 16-18 at the Bradford Curling Club. It was Howard's last chance to make the provincials this year.

Team Glenn Howard was among the top Ontario curling teams vying for the last 2 spots in the Ontario Tankard,

at the OCA Men's Challenge Round, January 16-18 at the Bradford Curling Club.

Howard had a "bye" in the first round, and didn't play until 1 p.m. on Saturday - but that didn't mean he had a free ride.

Howard was defeated by Brent Ross, losing in an extra end. Ross drew to the 4; to win 6-5 - and sent Team Howard to the B side, where they faced a daunting schedule, and a

"must-win" situation in their next 5 games, to advance to the provincials.

Steve Lobel, playing on the adjacent ice sheet, watched the former Ontario champions and 4-time World Champions struggling to make their shots. "They can't capitalize," Lobel said, noting that a number of teams were missing their shots. "It's club ice... It's a pretty even split."

Rick Meraska, club member and

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The big storm, revisited...

The December 11 snowstorm that hit Southern Ontario provided a "baptism by snow" for some new Bradford West Gwillimbury Councillors, who were inundated by calls from their constituents, complaining that sidestreets weren't cleared, and "windrows" created by plows blocked intersections and driveways.

On January 20, Director of Engineering Arup Mukherjee appeared before Council to provide a Winter Operations Overview - "facts and figures, as opposed to reacting to perception... without trying to make excuses."

Mukherjee noted that the storm was anything but typical. It dumped 20 cm of snow on BWG over an extended period of time - "Constant, ongoing accumulation." While the average accumulation is about 4 cm., and most snow storms last only a few hours, this time the weather system stalled and snow fell for over 12 hours.

"The forecast certainly did not call for that," Mukherjee said, noting that the Town relies on weather predictions to manage its programs. "Life is full of surprises and challenges, especially when it comes to weather."

Under normal conditions, the Town deploys four of its 6 urban plows to clear the main arterial and collector roads first, with 2 trucks travelling side-by-side on the wider roads. The other 2 plows start on the sidestreets. Eventually, all the plows are deployed clearing the residential roads.

Unfortunately, with snow coming down continuously, the 4 main trucks had to keep re-plowing the arterials, and never got to the sidestreets.

Mukherjee proposed three options,

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Dealing with winter storms

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to deal with future severe snow events:

- 1. Contract out some road-clearing.** Mukherjee warned that this option comes with a "significant cost" - the Town would not only pay for plowing, but also a standby fee, for the 120 days of the winter season.
- 2. Contract out the plowing of municipal parking lots, only.** The cost would be much less, and it would free up staff for road clearance, but the Director recommended waiting until 2016, when Leisure Services will be reentering its parking lot contract.
- 3. Purchase a new sander-salter unit** at a cost of \$20,000 to ensure that all 6 urban trucks are equipped, and hire a 2nd part-time winter operator, at an additional cost of \$5000. The \$20,000 would come from Fleet Reserves, the extra \$5000 from taxes - but the hire, added to the part-time operator

already in the 2015 budget, would allow the Town to provide a 3rd shift during long-duration events, with "crews working almost around the clock," Mukherjee said - a short-term solution.

"With so many homes, so many new residents in this municipality, people deserve to have a level of service... I think what you came up with is a good idea," said Councillor Peter Dykja Jr., as Council approved Option 3.

Mukherjee also identified the need for better communication with the public, and recommended that the Town establish a Storm Response Team, of field staff, Town administration and By-law enforcement, that could provide updates on operations - once GPS systems are installed that can track the trucks in the field. "Once we have that, it's a whole new world... We're not there yet."

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Police Budget up, impact down

The South Simcoe Police budget is going up, in 2015 - but thanks to growth in assessment in both Innisfil and Bradford West Gwillimbury, the impact on the average homeowner is decreasing.

In 2014, the BWG-Innisfil Police Services Board's Operating and Capital Budgets for South Simcoe Police totaled \$15,726,903, split between the two municipalities using a formula based on population, number of households, and assessment.

The 2015 Operating and Capital budgets total \$16,295,017 - an increase of over \$568,000 from the previous year, the bulk of which (\$641,200) relates to needed capital expenditures.

However, growth in assessment means that the Police levy for the average household will go down - in Bradford West Gwillimbury, by \$2.18 or -0.37%, and even more in Innisfil, which will see their share of the Police levy drop by 2.16% (by the 2015 formula, Innisfil pays 53.47% of Operating, 50% of the capital budget).

At the January 19 Police Services Board meeting, South Simcoe Police Chief Rick Benzley noted that the Service had cut another \$137,000 from Operating, to get to the new total - delaying a Pay Equity study for one year, and postponing the hiring of a new Deputy Chief until later in 2015.

And with gas prices at new lows, Police also cut 19 cents per litre from the fuel budget, for patrol and marine units.

There was no change proposed for the Capital Budget, Benzley said, "because that was not a 'wish list.' That was necessary."

The Mayors of both municipalities sit on the Board. BWG Mayor Rob Keffer suggested further cuts to the fuel budget. With gas prices below 90 cents per litre, "we should be able to lower that forecasted fuel budget a little more," he suggested.

He was backed up in his request by Innisfil Mayor Gordon Wauchop. But Vice Chair Rod Hicks warned that the Board could not rely on prices staying low. "Life looks really good at the gas prices today, but I don't think it'll last a year."

Mayor Keffer argued that if gas prices do go up, the Board can come back to the municipalities to top up the budget. He asked that \$25,000 be cut immediately, before the budget was approved, "just to make it a little easier."

"I think you've got a commitment from both Mayors that if prices go up disastrously, additional money will be found, Mayor Wauchop said.

PSB Chair Sharon Villani warned that "we don't have a formal policy in place," that will ensure the municipalities do in fact pay for a shortfall - but in the end, agreed to support a further reduction, bringing the total Police budget to \$16,570,017.

"The budget would be a lot worse, if not for the efficiencies instituted" over the past few years by the Police Chief and his working group, Villani noted.

The Board approved the requested Capital and Operating budgets for Policing, which will be presented to BWG and Innisfil Town Councils in the coming weeks.

Town looks at shuttle bus for Seniors

Bradford West Gwillimbury is applying for provincial funding, under the Community Transportation Pilot Grant Program, for a proposed shuttle bus service that would provide improved mobility for those without access to a vehicle - in particular, Seniors and those with disabilities.

The shuttle would operate at least once a week, taking passengers to shopping, appointments, Library and Leisure Centre, operated by transit partner Swissair-Carry using the BWG Transit system's "spare" bus. The shuttle would operate as a 2-year pilot project.

"If we've offered the project for 2 years,

how are we going to fund it in the future?" Deputy Mayor James Leduc asked in the Jan. 20 meeting of Council, suggesting that riders would come to rely on the service.

Director of Engineering Arup Mukherjee agreed there would be a cost to the Town of about \$11,000 per year, after the pilot, to provide the service one day a week. "We'd want to be prepared to absorb that."

Deadline for the grant application is January 30. "We're ready to go," Mukherjee said.

Council voted to apply for the grant. "If this takes off, it'll be a great thing to add to

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our editorial

Working on the Budget

We have to applaud the new Councilors, for their determined approach to the budget review.

Not only did they find over \$350,000 in savings in a process that was only occasionally painful, they uncovered two sources of pain for taxpayers in One Five Two Gwillimbury.

One is the Special Capital Levy. Designed to build reserves to help pay for the eventual replacement of the Town's aging infrastructure – something that is required by the Province – BWG's Special Levy has been increasing by about 1% each year, over the past 3 years.

In the first year, the Special Levy added about \$40 to the property tax bill, \$61.90 in Year Two. This year, the average home will be billed \$119.31 for Infrastructure replacement – which means that \$37.41 of the estimated \$42.33 hike in 2015 is going to the Special Levy.

It seems just a bit hard to swallow. Not only are residents paying for the initial construction of infrastructure, through taxes and debenture payments, and for the ongoing maintenance and operation of water plants, wastewater treatment plants, roads and bridges – they are being asked to pay an increasing proportion of the eventual replacement cost, for future generations. Hopefully, at

some point, we'll see a cap.

A second more point: We knew that Council had decided that each new hire for the municipality would be budgeted at a full year's salary, even if the position didn't start until mid-way through the year. It was an effort to avoid "sticker shock" in the following year's budget, when the full financial impact became clear.

What we didn't realize was that each position was also being included at the highest possible pay level – even though, normally, new hires start at the lowest pay band, and work their way up over a 5 year period, if they stay with the municipality that long.

We realize it simplifies the accounting, makes the biggest hit visible immediately, and avoids guaranteed incremental annual tax increases as employees move up. But it also means that taxpayers are being dinged for more than is needed for "actual" operating costs.

Kudos to Councillor Gary Baynes for insisting that the budget for the new hires, all of them much-needed to address the pressures of growth, at least reflect the reality that at this point, no one is likely to start their new position before March 1. Instead of budgeting for 12 months of salary, Council approved 10 months – cutting over \$77,000 from the budget.

Toastmasters' Open House!

Speak for Success York-Simcoe Toastmasters 3496 invites the public to "Bust a Gut" at the Toastmasters Club Open House on Tuesday, January 27, from 7 to 9 p.m. Come out and learn what Toastmasters can provide, in terms of education, fun, and laughs.

Speech guest is Roger Caesar, whose special, "OH!H! WHAT A RUSH!" won the 2014 Humorous Speech Contest for District 96.

The owner of Caesar Transport Inc., a family-owned business which recently celebrated its 30th anniversary, Roger Caesar joined Brampton Toastmasters in February 2011 to improve his communication skills. He has since been part of the Toastmasters executive team, as a Vice President of Public Relations and VP of membership, and

has participated in numerous public speaking competitions – culminating in his 2014 win.

Caesar is an avid believer in giving back. He not only mentors fellow members, but has participated in Toastmasters' Youth Leadership program.

The Open House will include Table Topics – inviting guests to participate in impromptu speeches – and a Question & Answer period with Roger Caesar. All are welcome to attend.

Speak for Success meets on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Tuesday of each month at the BWG Leisure Centre, 471 West Park Ave., in the 2nd floor multipurpose room, 7 to 9 p.m. Guests welcomed.

For more information, see www.speakforsuccess.org



January is Crime Stoppers Month in the Town of BWG, and on Jan. 14, the Crime Stoppers Flag was raised at the Bradford Courthouse. Raising the flag, from left: Councillors Peter Ferragine, Gary Baynes, Ron Orr, Mayor Rob Keffler, Crime Stoppers of Simcoe Dufferin Muskoka members Cody Baxter and Ken Simpson (holding flag) and South Simcoe Police Sgt. Lew DaSilva, Acting Sgt. Steve Black, Special Const. Elisabeth Aschwarden, and Chief Rick Beazley. Crime Stoppers is a partnership of police, media and the public, to fight crime in local communities.

R.I.D.E. update: Not getting the message

Sgt. Lew DaSilva, head of the South Simcoe Police Traffic & Marine Unit, provided an overview of the R.I.D.E. (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) Program that targets drinking drivers, in a special Police Services Board presentation on January 19.

The program, founded in 1977 in Etobicoke – where it was "Reduce Impaired Driving in Etobicoke" – is now part of a province-wide strategy to remove drinking drivers from Ontario roads, before they become involved in a collision, causing injury or death.

"Everyone knows what a R.I.D.E. Program is. It's very effective," said Sgt. DaSilva, but he also issued a warning despite the publicity, public education, and increasingly stiff penalties for those who drink and drive, not everyone is getting the message.

"There are those who 'make mistakes,' and get behind the wheel thinking that they can handle the effects of alcohol, or at least avoid getting pulled over in a R.I.D.E. checkpoint; 'The problem is, they're rolling the dice.'"

And then there are those who "always drink and drive... They don't care!" Provincial legislation makes it illegal for anyone to have the "care and control" of a vehicle – motor vehicle, vessel, aircraft, railway equipment, whether in motion or not – when their faculties are impaired by alcohol or drugs. It is also illegal to have more than 80 mg. of

alcohol per 100 ml. of blood, even if there are no signs of impairment.

And while no charges result from a blood alcohol concentration of between .05 and .08, registering in the "Warn" range will lead to a suspension of driving privileges – 3 days for a first offence, 7 days for a second, and 30 days for a third charge in 5 years. And there are other penalties. Unless there is a licensed driver "who is sober" on hand, the driver's vehicle will be impounded. And it costs \$150 to have a licence reinstated, after a suspension.

Year over year, there has been a decline in the number of Impaired and Over .080 charges laid in South Simcoe, and a slight decrease in the number of Warn Range suspensions. The problem, DaSilva said, is that the numbers are actually up during R.I.D.E. Programs, especially during the Festive Season, December through New Year's.

In 2013, the Festive Season Program stopped 7,610 vehicles and issued 10 Impaired charges, 7 drug charges, and requested 283 roadside tests resulting in 27 Warn Range suspensions.

In 2014, with a strategy of setting up checkpoints at both highly visible locations and on the back roads, only 6,517 vehicles were stopped – down by over 1,000 – but Impaired charges rose to 16, Drug charges to 13, and 208 roadside tests resulted in 40 Warn Range suspensions.

Fatal Collision on 10 Sideroad

A 20 year old Newmarket man is dead and 4 persons were injured in a head-on collision that took place around 6:50 p.m. on January 20 on 10 Sideroad, just east of the 7th Line of Innisfil. South Simcoe Police believe that a southbound vehicle, driven by the deceased, crossed the centre line and collided with a northbound car.

The man was pronounced dead at the scene; two passengers in his vehicle were taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. A 40 year old Innisfil woman and her 15 year old daughter, the occupants of the second vehicle, were also treated in hospital.

Technical Collision investigators with Traffic & Marine continue to investigate. Speed is believed to have been a factor in the crash.

Police advise that the names of those involved will not be released. Sideroad 10 remained closed between Innisfil Beach Road and the 6th Line until the early morning hours of Jan. 21.

At the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre

There was a "full house" for the monthly Birthday Luncheon, January 15 at the Danube Seniors Leisure

Centre - Chicken 'n Ribs, seasonal vegetables and rice served up as the perfect antidote to the wintry weather.

The Centre is located at 715 Simcoe Rd. south of Bradford. For information on programs and events, call 905-775-0612 - or visit the

new website, danubeseniorcentre.com

Coming up on Saturday, Jan. 24 -

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Tickets are available at the door.



Great crowd, great fundraiser - the Thursday Night Fun Dart League at the Bradford Legion presents a cheque to Bradford's Helping Hand Food Bank on Jan. 15 - accepted by Food Bank president Anne Silvey (centre).

Darts at the Bradford Legion

The Thursday Night Fun Dart League at the Bradford Legion is one of the biggest, most fun-loving, most generous groups around. Not only do they meet every Thursday night for a sociable evening of darts, they raise money for groups and organizations that include Bradford's Helping Hand Food Bank. On January 15, the League presented a donation of \$406 to the Helping Hand Food Bank.

Dart lovers take note: The 2nd annual Frank Lottis Dart Tournament takes place Saturday, February 7, with registration between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m., and start time at 11 a.m. sharp. Four-person teams; entry is \$40 per team. Prizes - 100%

pay back! Lunch is available. To pre-register or for more information contact Frank Brooks, 905-775-0008 or Rick Cleland, 905-252-5508.

Friday Night Social Time. Every Friday at 6 p.m. at the Bradford Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, 115 Back St. in Bradford, the Gullinary Arts Students of Bradford District High School serve up dinner for a moderate fee at the Legion, followed by music and camaraderie. The Public is welcome to attend.

New at the Legion: Wednesday nights are **Cribbage Nights**. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m.; cost to play is \$5. All welcome. Call 905-775-5025.

BWG Transit shuttle service proposed

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our transportation," said Councillor Peter Ferragine.

Council also received a report on the first 8 months of transit service.

While ridership dropped after the promotional "free ride" period, it has since been "consistent... at the predicted level," with peak activity between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Ridership on all 3 bus routes totaled 15,960 in 2014, with 68% (10,907 rides) on Route 1 (Holland St.) Fare revenues for the year came to \$16,852.

The report by Transit co-ordinator Adam Alessandrini also found student

ridership went up after the start of school - and after Council approved an earlier 7 a.m. start time for the buses in September.

Seniors, expected to make up the bulk of the passengers, only accounted for 1,762 rides, or just over 11% of the total - indicating that "the transit system is more diverse."

Only 1 passenger took the bus to the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre. Alessandrini suggested that Council will be able to review the system and make changes, "moving in areas where there's more demand, from areas where there's less demand."



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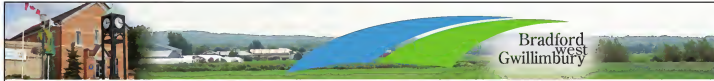
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* Tues. Feb. 3 @ 7:00 p.m., BWG Library & Cultural Centre

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Library Board

* Mon. Jan 26 @ 7:00 p.m. - BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Boardroom, 425 Holland St. W.

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* Wed. Jan 28 @ 6:30 p.m. - BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Zima Rm., 425 Holland St. W.

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Draft #1 of the LSRCA's Watershed Development Guidelines were posted on the Authority's Website on July 21, 2014 for 60 days. LSRCA's member municipalities, neighboring conservation authorities and a variety of stakeholders were provided with a notice of Public Consultation associated with the Authority's Watershed Development Guidelines. The comments received have been reviewed and where appropriate, incorporated into the document. This revised draft (#2) is being posted on the LSRCA Website for an additional 60 day review period, which will end on February 28, 2015.

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Active Transportation/Recreation Committee

7 appointees from the public

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Downtown Revitalization Committee

7 appointees from the public

The mandate of this committee is to review and provide advice respecting strategies to revitalize the downtown area.

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There will be a local carrot connection at this year's Bradfordlicious in Bradford on January 30. More than a fundraiser, it's an event that hopes to create a sense of positive energy, an aura of love for the toddler who has faced a series of heart surgeries since her birth.

February is Bradfordlicious

Bradfordlicious – a culinary exploration of the restaurants of Bradford West Gwillimbury – returns for a 2nd year. All during February, participating restaurants will be offering 3-course meals for \$20.15 or other deals, in an effort to entice diners to discover the tastes of BWG during what is usually the coldest, bleakest month of the year.

Last year's inaugural event was a success, said organizer and promoter Ricky Brooks, although "some restaurants were very busy, some restaurants were discovered, some didn't do so well."

Don Cherry's Sports Grill saw business boom, selling 360 special Bradfordlicious meals.

The 1812 Grillhouse on County Rd. 27 sold 380 meals, built up a loyal clientele for its southern-themed cuisine – and won the trophy for Best Restaurant.

This year, there's a new twist to Bradfordlicious. Participating restaurants will be asked to come up with a signature Carrot Soup – since what could be more "Bradford"

In 2014, Brooks had arranged for restaurants to donate \$1 from every special meal to Joey Mazzucco's Fedora Foundation – but was unable to make the presentation because the Foundation, started by a child, wasn't a registered charity at the time, and couldn't issue receipts, Brooks explained.

This year, the money will be going to the President's Choice Children's Charity – appropriately, for in-school Breakfast Programs, "to fight hunger in Bradford."

So far, 13 restaurants have signed up for Bradfordlicious – 1812 Grillhouse, Wimpy's Diner, Akita Sushi, Original San Francisco Foods, Big Moma's Mexican Food, The Tin Roof, Can Con Mexican Grill, Lusitano's, Coffee Culture Cafe, La Mexicana, Don Cherry's Sports Grill, 4 the Hallbut, and Joe's Bar & Restaurant.

Brooks notes that it's a great way to explore local restaurants and try new dishes, without a huge outlay – and support local businesses and the local economy. For more information, see Bradfordlicious on Facebook.

A Fundraising Concert for Abby

There will be a fundraising concert for little Abby Evenson and her family, in Bradford on January 30.

More than a fundraiser, it's an event that hopes to create a sense of positive energy, an aura of love for the toddler who has faced a series of heart surgeries since her birth.

Abby was born with a rare congenital heart defect. She was born without her main pulmonary artery – and although her body has compensated by establishing smaller conduits around her heart, the blood flow to her lungs and therefore the supply of oxygen is severely restricted. Abby had her first surgery only 14 hours after she was born. The most recent took place on October 28.

Her parents are determined to create a positive, healing energy around their daughter, by "paying it forward" with acts of kindness. They buy coffee and lottery tickets for strangers – give gifts and help their neighbours – and all they ask is that the recipients pay it forward themselves, and share prayers to "help Abby get well."

The "We Believe in Abby" fundraising concert takes place Friday, January 30 at Don Cherry's Sports Grill in Bradford, 100 Dissette Street. Doors open at 7 p.m., music begins at 9 p.m., with the Glenn Martin Band, Rickovers, and The Jah Droppers. By donation at the door. The event will raise funds for the Schomburg family's bills – and help them continue to "Pay it Forward."

For more information, email rickaneers@gmail.com

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Appointments to Committees

Bradford West Gwillimbury Council, after meeting behind closed doors on January 20, has announced the first round of appointments to Committees, for the 2014-2018 term of office.

Committee of Adjustment and Property Standards - Stephen Fick, Ed Grees, David Morton, James Slykhuus, and Mario Vittiglio.

BWG Accessibility Advisory Committee - Andrew Belanger, Patti Burns, Charlie Hurley, Herbert Madden and John Jamieson. Council representatives are Deputy Mayor James Leduc and Councillor Raj Sandhu.

Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Services Board - Dan Sopuch, George Hoving, Mayor Rob Keffler, Councillor Gary Baynes. King Township will also appoint members to the Board.

BWG Public Library Board - Lynne Boorneville, Milt Calder, Jennifer Harrison, Natalie Petra, Andre Tesolin, Elve Sepa. Council representative is Gary Lamb.

Police Services Board BWG appointee - Licio Miguélo.
Deadline to apply for other committees is Jan. 26.

Watershed Development Guidelines

The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority is undertaking a comprehensive review of its Watershed Development Guidelines. A public information centre is planned for Tuesday, January 27 at the Town of Innisfil Municipal Offices, 2101 Innisfil Beach Road, from 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. A revised draft of the proposed Guidelines will be posted online until February 28. All are welcome to comment. For more information, contact Beverley Booth at b.booth@lscra.on.ca or 905-895-1281, ext. 230.

BWG Local History AGM

The BWG Local History Association holds its Annual General Meeting on Saturday, Jan. 31, at 2 p.m. in the Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. W.

Community Events!

Free Family Saturday at the Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. W. on January 24, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. - a **Dr. Seuss Party!** Games, activities, crafts. Win your favourite Dr. Seuss. For ages 3 and up, accompanied by an adult or caregiver. Free - no registration required.

Lakeside Retirement, located at 985 Innisfil Beach Road in Alcona, is holding a **Robbie Burns** celebration on Friday, January 23, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Piper, Scotsmen - and haggis! Free, but please RSVP to 705-431-8105.

Robbie Burns Dinner at the Lefroy Belle Ewart Legion Hall, Saturday, January 24 - Robbie Burns dinner, address to the Luddies, Toast to the Luddies and Lassies, Pipers. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 5:45 p.m., Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each, available from Bev Ping, 705-456-0704.

Bradford United Church's **Treasure Sale** returns this Saturday, January 24, from 8 to 11 a.m. at the church, 66 Barrie St. Parishioners have gathered treasures from their attics, basements, closets and garages, to help raise money for the church. Make their treasures your own, by donation. Want to hold your own rummage sale? Tables can be rented for only \$15; call 905-775-7268 to reserve. Also, **Each One 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.** Jan. 24 at the church, Tickets are \$10 for a social afternoon and refreshments, available by calling 905-775-7268.

St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 721 Simcoe Rd. in Bradford, is holding another fundraising **Perogy Luncheon**. On Saturday, January 24, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., drop by the church to enjoy Potato and Cheddar Perogies,

Sausage, Salad, Dessert, tea or coffee - \$10 for a "Small" lunch, \$12 for "regular", or \$14 for "Large." Eat in or take out. Side dishes are also available for a nominal price, including sausage, traditional Borscht and cabbage rolls. Tickets at the door. All welcome! The monthly lunches will continue in 2015, on February 21 and March 21.

Bradford United Church hosts an **Ecumenical Men's Prayer Breakfast** at 8:30 a.m., on Saturday, January 31. The theme: *Weight Control, Fitness and Spiritual Wellness for Middle-Aged Men*. Enjoy a delicious continental breakfast, great conversation, Christian witness and prayer - share your experience, strength and faith with other men. To register or for more information, contact Rev. Jim Keenan, at 905-751-5335 or email:revkeenan@gmail.com

St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church's famous **All-You-Can-Eat Perogy and Rib Dinner** returns on Sunday, February 1, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Church, 56 Hearn St. in Bond Head. Enjoy all-you-can-eat perogies, ribs, sauerkraut, Caesar Salad, dessert, tea or coffee, only \$15 for adults, \$7 for children ages 7 to 12, free for kids 6 and under. Tickets at the door - all welcome.

Bond Head United Church is hosting its **Roast Beef Dinner & Silent Auction** at the handicapped-accessible St. John's Presbyterian Church (10 Sideroad and 8th Line BWG) on Saturday, February 7, with continuous servings from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$8 for kids 6 to 12 years. For more information, call 905-775-6365. Note: Donations for the Silent Auction; please call Bob Watt, 905-775-2123 or Peter Harvey, 905-729-3196.

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Please watch for our **Grand Opening Announcement** in the paper in the following weeks!

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Closing the doors at Newton Robinson United

Another historic church, struggling to keep its congregation and meet its bills, has closed its doors in Bradford West Gwillimbury.

Newton Robinson United Church held its Farewell Service on Sunday, January 18 - attended by descendants of some of the founding pioneer families.

The church began in 1841 as a Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, meeting in a log cabin in the hamlet of "Latimer's Corners." Circuit preachers of the day travelled from hamlet to hamlet, bringing the Word of God to the settlers.

In 1848, Latimer's Corners became "Newton Robinson," a developing centre of industry with a tannery, shops, and later, a cheese factory, sash and door factory, and sawmills. In 1849, the growing congregation built a new frame church on the site of the current building - and in 1881, John Merrick Sr. designed a new brick church, with a steeple.

The new 36' by 56' church was dedicated to service in 1887. Cost of construction was \$4,000, noted Allen Stanbury, sharing the history of Newton Robinson United - but "the steeple had to be built twice to get it right." The church ladies raised an additional \$75 for the re-construction.

The church was built to accommodate a congregation of 350, and in its day, "provided refuge and comfort for God's people," through prayer, weddings, baptisms and funerals. But there have been few new families moving into the area over the past 2 decades, and membership has dwindled.

On Jan. 18, after more than 173 years of continuous service, "the time has come to disband and take leave from this, our church building," said Rev. Diane Knowles.

"To everything there is a season," was the theme of the

service, reflected in readings, music and reminiscences from church members.

"Today is this Faith Community's time to mourn, but also celebrate this Ministry," Rev. Knowles said. "Today, we are writing the final chapter in this church's congregation..."

Gone are the days when the pews were filled with families and children. Gone are the days when everyone went to church on Sunday, because that is just what you did. Gone are the days when the church was... the hub of the community."

Every month another United Church closes its doors in Canada, and for their congregations it is "like losing a member of our family," a grieving process, said Knowles - but there is a need to go beyond grief, to acceptance.

"There has to be a letting go, a letting go of the past... Letting go does not mean forgetting," she said, urging the congregation to treasure their memories. "God is calling us to look forward, while cherishing everything good about the past."

"We are bigger than this building... We need to hold on to one another and embrace each other because we are still here. We are the Church. Not the bricks and mortar."

Mary Chantier, a descendant of the pioneering Chantiers who settled in Newton Robinson, and chair of the Newton Robinson Church Council, read the statement of closure:

"This building, having been dedicated and named Newton Robinson United Church, together with the land on which it stands and all objects remaining in it, we now commend to other purposes. We now officially declare that it is no longer the place of meeting of Newton Robinson, a congregation of The United Church of Canada."

The service over, the lock was fixed on the door of Newton Robinson United Church. "The mission of Christ, the Ministry of Christ lives on. That door never closes," said Rev. Knowles.

Sunday services continue at Bond Head United Church, on County Rd. 88.



Designating 108 Moore

On December 1, 2014 the owners of 108 Moore St. in Bradford filed an intention to demolish the century home.

The Town had placed the house on the Town's Heritage Registry, and had 60 days to decide whether to designate the building as a Heritage Site, and preserve it. On January 20, with 9 days remaining, Council voted to designate.

"This is a nice home. The outside is still appealing. It's a great building for the community to designate," said Councillor Mark Contois.

"I feel for both sides," said Councillor Peter Ferragine. "As a resident of the Town, it's not something I'd like to see torn down," he said, but suggested that "as a business owner, I don't feel (the owners) were treated properly." The home should have been listed on the Registry before the Delucas purchased the property, not afterwards, he said, urging Council to take a more proactive approach to listing buildings.

The municipality hired ERA Architects Inc. to carry out a detailed heritage assessment of the home, built in 1877-78. ERA's conclusion: 108 Moore St. has "considerable cultural heritage value related to its architecture, historic associations and contextual value, and... merits designation."

Despite numerous alterations over the years, "main components of its original design" remain intact - and the home's ownership has also been significant. It was owned by merchants Andrew and Mary Jane Thompson from 1880 to 1900, and by Paul and Lena West from 1925 to 1945; their son Lorne Edgar West joined the RCAF during World War II and received the Distinguished Flying Cross. And in 1950, the home was purchased by Norman Collins, who had a pro hockey career from 1926 to 1938 - playing 1 game in the NHL for the Montreal Canadiens, when he scored an assist.

Council voted unanimously to designate the house. "It's just too much history in this home, the Collings House. It's a heritage home. There's no ifs, ands or buts - there's no way you can deny that," said Deputy Mayor James Leduc. Council also designated the Auld Kirk on the 6th Line as a Heritage Site.

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MEETINGS

AL-ANON: Meets Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Holy Martyrs of Japan Church basement, 157 Essa St. in Bradford. For information, www.al-anon.alteanet.org, wsoal@al-anon.org or call 1-888-4AL-ANON.

SPEAK FOR SUCCESS TOASTMASTERS: Toastmasters meet on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Thurs. of each month

upstairs at the new BWG Leisure Centre, 7-9 p.m. For information, see www.speakforsuccess.org. All welcome.

HELP FOR IMMIGRANTS: Bradford Immigrant & Community Services (BICS), located at 11 Holland St. East offers English Language Classes for Newcomers to Canada, Settlement Assistance, Integration to the Canadian School System, Intern Program, Parenting Workshops, Translation and Interpreta-

tion services, Information and referral, advocacy and more. 905-775-3343 or see www.bradfordimmigrant.com

BWG COMMUNITY MEAL: BWG Community Initiatives hosts a hot meal at 5:30 a.m. every Friday evening, at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford. All welcome - doors open at 5 p.m. Free.

ST. MICHAEL'S UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH: 721 Simcoe Rd., Bradford. Fundraising perogies and cabbage rolls sale every Saturday only, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info, call the church 905-551-1651.

WRITERS' CIRCLE: BWG Writers' Circle now meets 7-9 p.m. on the 3rd Thurs. of the month, at the New Bradford Library, 425 Holland St. W. All Writers welcomed.

SUPPORT FOR DEPRESSION: Support group meets every Friday evening at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. Support for Depression meets 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. year round, providing an opportunity for those experiencing depression or who have experienced depression to share coping strategies in safe, non-judgmental surroundings, assisted by empathetic facilitators. Organized by the Canadian Mental Health Association - completely anonymous. Enter the church through the Office Door, off Barrie St.

GRANDPARENTS, PARENTING AGAIN: Support group for grandparents with formal or informal custody of their grandchildren. Mondays at the Ontario Early Years Centre Bradford satellite, 138 Barrie St., 11:30 p.m. Child-care available; call the centre at 905-775-3039 ext. 229 on the Friday before.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP: Meets at CHATS (Community & Home Assistance to Seniors), 448 Holland St. West in Bradford, on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month, at 10 a.m. An opportunity to get out, meet other caregivers, share stories and strategies, and find new ways to cope. Free, but register by calling Marcia, 1-866-677-5048 ext. 6226 or email Mterrance@chats.on.ca

THURS., JAN. 22

BRADFORD BRIDAL TREND: Bridal Show, upstairs at the old Bradford Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Rd., 7-9 p.m. Everything from gowns to DJ Services - admission is free. Organized by Linda's Floral Designs, Tricia Crisp, well of Spida, and Victoria's Bourque Beauty Boutique.

SAT., JAN. 24

PEROGY LUNCHEON AT ST. MICHAEL'S UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH: 721 Simcoe Rd. in Bradford, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., enjoy a lunch of potato and cheddar perogies, sausage, salad, dessert, tea or coffee for \$10, \$12 or \$14. Tickets at the door. Also available - side dishes of borscht, cabbage rolls and coffee, for a nominal fee. All welcome.

TREASURE SALE: At Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St., Bradford from 8 to 11 a.m. Donated treasures can be yours for a donation to the church and its charities.

EUCHERE PARTY: At Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. 1:30-3:30 p.m. Tickets \$10 for a social afternoon and refreshments.

available at 905-775-7268.

RNS HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTRE: RNS Health & Wellness is located in Unit L1 at 487 Holland St. West - and will be hosting a family-friendly Wellness Fair, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 24 - featuring a Healthy Choice Food Cafe, Kids' Activity Area, free health talks and yoga sessions, free Orthotic-GATE analysis, Free spinal assessments, free 10 min. massages - and a free draw for a 1 hour Relaxation Massage. All welcome. For more info, 905-778-1888.

TUES., JAN. 27

YORK-SIMCOE TOASTMASTERS OPEN HOUSE: Speak for Success House-Simcoe Toastmasters host an Open House from 7 to 9 p.m. upstairs at the BWG Leisure Centre, 471 Holland St. W. in Bradford. Special guest speaker is Roger Caesar, winner of the Humorous Speech Contest for District 86. Visitors can learn more about Toastmasters, participate in Table Topics, ask questions - and laugh! For more information see www.speakforsuccess.org

FRI., JAN. 30

WE BELIEVE IN ABBY CONCERT: At Don Cherry's Sports Grill, by donation. Doors open at 7 p.m., music by Bing Marais Band. The Ricknans and The Jah Dappers at 9 p.m. Help create a positive environment for 17 month old Abby Eveson.

SAT., JAN. 31

HOUSE CONCERT BY SUZIE VINNICK AND ROLY PLATT: Innisfil Live Music Club presents the House concert at 2208 - 25 St. in Alcona. Doors open at 7 p.m., concert begins at 8 p.m. Tickets \$20 each, available at 705-431-7182 or ginnyc49@hotmail.com

BARBIE BALLROOM DANCE CLUB WINTER DANCE: At the ANAF Hall, 7 George St. in Barrie. Tickets at the door - \$15 members, \$22 guests. Includes substantial late night snack. Line dancing lesson at 7:30 p.m., regular dance 8 p.m. to midnight. For more information, call Wendy at 705-721-0990 or see www.bdbc.ca

ECUMENICAL MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST: At Bradford United Church, 66

Barrie St. in Bradford, starting at 8:30 a.m. Theme: Weight Control, Fitness and Spiritual Wellness for Middle Age Men. Enjoy a delicious continental breakfast, great conversation, Christian witness and prayer. To register or for more information contact Al welcome at 905-751-5335 or email kevenan@gmail.com

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SUN., FEB. 1

ALL YOU CAN EAT PEROGY AND RIB DINNER: St. Catherine of Alexandra Catholic Church (Byzantine Rite), located at 11 Holland St. East in Bond Head, hosts its all-you-can-eat perogy and ribs dinner, \$7 for 7 p.m. \$15 for adults, \$5 for children 7-12 years, free for kids 6 and under - all welcome. Tickets at the door.

SAT., FEB. 7

NEWMARKET WINTERFEST: At The Newmarket Community Centre, Riverwalk Commons and Fairy Lake Park, starting with a Pancake Breakfast at 8 a.m., followed by bingo, children's activities, Bungee children's activities, balloon art and outdoors at Riverwalk Commons and Fairy Lake Park. Games, entertainment, skating, horse-drawn wagon rides, pony rides and more. Free admission (nominal charge for some activities).

BARBIE WINTERFEST & FESTIVAL OF ICE: At Heritage Park and the Barrie waterfront, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 7 and 8. Horse-drawn wagon rides, dog sled rides (nominal fee), giant snow slide, ice maze, lumberjack shows, food vendors, ice sculptures and more. On Sunday, take a Polar Bear Dip in Kempenfelt Bay, at noon.

YUK YUK'S COMEDY SHOW: At The Portuguese Cultural Centre in Bradford, 767 Simcoe Rd. Tickets \$35 each for this fundraiser for the Bradford Curling Club. Includes an evening of dancing to a DJ, food and hilarious fun. Tickets available at VideoQuest, and the Curling Club. See www.bradfordcurlingclub.ca

PLACES OF WORSHIP

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1466 Sidemans St., Bradford.
905-775-3731
Sundays 10:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Sunday School & Nursery
Pastor Paul VanStralen
www.springdaleccr.net

Bond Head United Church
Hwy. 88 east of Hwy. 27
Service 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School Available

905-775-2512
bondheadunitedchurch.ca

Trinity Anglican Church
62 Church St., Bradford
(Corner of Church & James St.)
Sunday Service 10 a.m.
Sunday School Available
905-775-2200
trinityanglicanchurchbradford.com

St. John's Presbyterian
2940 - 10th Sideroad
(8th Line & Middleton St.)
905-775-7274
Sunday Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Nursery provided.
stjohnspresbyterian.org

St. Catherine of Alexandra Catholic Church
(Byzantine Rite)
16 Heaton St. Bond Head, Windsor-Essex
9:30am (Auricular), 11:30am (Eucharist)
905-759-8382
info@stcatherineofalexandria.ca

St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Church
721 Simcoe Rd. Bradford
Bilingual Services
Liturgy Sunday & Feast
Days 10:00 am
Priest 905-715-0105

Holland Marsh Christian Reformed Church
18935 Dufferin St., R.R. #2 Newmarket
Sundays 10:00 am & 6:00 pm
Sunday School & Nursery with service
Mid-week youth & adult programs
Rev. Richard Broom
905-775-7291
E: hollandmarshcrr@protonmail.com

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
53 Miller Peak Ave., Bradford
905-775-9412
Sunday Service:
10:00 a.m.

Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Church
167 Essa St. Bradford 905-775-2065
Masses
Sat. 5:00 p.m., Sun. 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m.,
11:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m.
Confessions
1/2 hour before Sunday Mass.

Bradford United Church
66 Barrie St.,
905-775-7288
Service - 10 am
Sunday School Available
www.bradfordunited.com

The Baha' World Faith
905-551-2219
www.Baha'Org

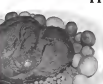
Bradford Community Church
Mid-week small group
905-775-9266, located on the S.E. corner of Hwy 11 & Conic. #9
Sunday Worship: 10:00 am
Nursery - Birth to 3 yrs Children 4-12 yrs

Riverview Bible Chapel
905-836-1798
4024/26 Bathurst (North of Hwy 11)
11:00 am - Family Bible Hour
1:00 pm - Afternoon Service
7:30 pm - Vigil - Prayer - Bible Study

Greater Life Community Church
The Church in the Library
425 Holland St. W. Bradford
Christian Education: 10:00 am
Morning Worship: 11:00 am
(847)718-7849
www.greaterlifeline.com

Bond Head United Church

Roast Beef Supper & Silent Auction



To be held on
Saturday, February 7th
4:30pm - 7:00pm
At St. John's Presbyterian
Church Bradford
2940 Sideroad 10
One mile north of
County Rd 88

Adults \$16.00 - Children (6-12) \$8.00
For Further Info 905-775-6365

Sports

Bradford Frolics on Ice!

The Bradford Skating Club hosted Skate Canada-Central Ontario's Frolics on Ice skating competition, at the Bradford West Gwillimbury Leisure Centre, January 17-18.

There were 319 entries over the 2 days of competition, with skaters entered from across the Midway East area - a vast district that includes clubs from Aurora, Newmarket, Georgina, King City, Nobleton, Bolton, Schomberg, as far west as Mt. Forest and Elora. In all, 18 clubs sent skaters to compete in the Frolics - including Bradford.

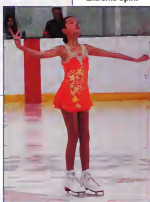
BWG Mayor Rob Kellner opened the event, thanking the organizers and volunteers, and telling the skaters, "Your accomplishments you've had so far are really important." He encouraged them to remember the fun, the excitement, "and the achievement, as well," of their participation.

Chair of the Frolics, Cathy Park also wished the skaters success, and "a personal best skate."

Skaters ranged from beginners in the Starskate program, to Bronze, Silver and Gold skaters and Dance soloists.



Left, Ava Fahlgren, and below right, Taylor Malaythong of the Bradford Skating Club in Starskate II Freeskate Gr. 3. Below left: Extreme Spin!



BWGMHA Rep results

ATOM REP

Jan. 5, Newmarket - 3, Bradford Don Cherry Atoms - 1. Lone goal by Luis Faria, from Tanner Hueglin.

Jan. 11, Markham Waxers - 4, Bradford Don Cherry Bulldogs - 3. Goals by Tanner Hueglin with a pair, one unassisted, one from Anthony Nascimento; and Jeremiah Oake with the single, from Isaiiah Drummond.

Jan. 16, Bradford Don Cherry's - 2, NobleKing - 2. Goals by Isaiiah Drummond from Matthew Boughner; and Anthony Nascimento, from Davis Frederick.

Jan. 17, Bradford Don Cherry's - 2, Markham - 2.

Both goals by Anthony Nascimento, from Christian Campoli, Darcy Mott and Tanner Hueglin.

Jan. 18, Aurora - 5, Bradford Don Cherry's - 2. A tough game, with 2 goals called back. Scoring by Evan Drummond from Nathan Pare, and Anthony Nascimento from Jeremiah Oake. The team never gave up, and played hard to the end! A Thank you to goaltender Matthew Amara.

Good luck in the Playoffs!

Local League PeeWee #1

Jan. 2, NobleKing #1 - 4, Bradford Local League PeeWee #1 - 2. Goals by Jake Crane and Josh Langille, from Christopher Lotto and Connor Huggett.

Jan. 3, Innisfil #1 - 2, Bradford LL PeeWees #1 - 0. Outstanding defense.

Jan. 4, Bradford LL PeeWees #1 - 13, Richmond Hill #3 - 0. Scoring by Steven DePutter with 4, Christopher Lotto and Jake Crane with 3 each, singles by Zack Brown, Russel Williams and Anthony Gammichia.

From Tristan Davis (4), Jake Johnson (3), Josh Langille (3), Charlie Lowden (2), Connor Huggett (2), Dakota Mazurek (2), Eihan Pinto (2), Quinn Hope (2), Williams (2), Ryan Gilbert (2), Brown (2) and Gammichia.

Jan. 8, LeRoy #1 - 3, Bradford LL #1 - 2. Goals by Christopher Lotto and Jake Crane, from Zack Brown.

Jan. 18, Bradford LL #1 - 3, NobleKing #2 - 2. Steven DePutter with a pair, Zack Brown with the single on assists from Christopher Lotto, Dakota Mazurek and Ryan Gilbert. Super netminding by Ryan Kieman.

Jan. 19, Bradford Local League PeeWees #1 - 9, Richmond Hill #3 - 0.

Charlie Lowden with his 4th shutout of the year. Scoring by Jake Crane with 4, Zack Brown with a pair, singles by Ryan Gilbert, Josh Langille, and Ryan Kieman with his first of the season. Helpers to Christopher Lotto (3), Langille (3), Gilbert (2), Brown (2), Tristan Davis (2) and Connor Huggett.

Ontario Tankard Men's Challenge Round at the BCC

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O.C.C. Liaison for the OCA explained, "It's club ice. It's not the ice you have in the arena. You don't have the sensors, the insulated walls, the ventilation, the air movement... It doesn't have the 5' cut."

It's a challenge for teams used to playing in more controlled conditions, he acknowledged, "but it's the same for both teams. It's good club ice."

"A" side winners after the 1 p.m. game were the Ross rink; the team of Pat Ferris out of Grimsby - beating Rob Lobel; Wayne Middaugh of St. George's GC over Mark Homan of Ottawa; and Rob Rutherford of Guelph defeating Rob Hounfield, to advance to further competition - while the losers dropped to the B side.

Howard was unable to find the magic this time around. He was eliminated

by Scott McDonald of Highland City, in the next game, his quest for the Ontario Tankard cut short.

Bradford Curling Club president Wally Kemp called it a reflection of the quality of play, and of the teams competing in the Tankard Challenge.

"There are some amazing shots out there."

At 1 p.m. on Sunday, the team of Wayne Middaugh faced the Guelph rink of Rob Rutherford in the A Final - while, an ice sheet away, the "B" side Semi-Final saw Mark Homan of Ottawa battle Scott McDonald's rink.

Rutherford stole one for a 7-3 win over Middaugh, and a berth at the Ontario Tankard, February 2-8 at the Thames Centre Recreation Complex in Ingersoll.

Middaugh's loss sent him to the "B" Final - waiting for the outcome of the Homan-McDonald game.

McDonald, after losing his first game in the Challenge Round to Middaugh in an extra end, won every subsequent match - including the Semi-final - to face Middaugh in the Final.

Once again, experience told.

Although McDonald made several outstanding shots, including a double take-out in the 5th end, he conceded after 8 ends to Middaugh, a past Provincial champion and 3-time Brier winner.

Middaugh called the B Final the high point of the Challenge Round. "That blank in the 5th (by McDonald) was the best shot all weekend," he said.

Middaugh, who has a 5-man roster, also had praise for his own team. "The guys are playing great. No matter what line we put out there, they do great."



Above, Wayne Middaugh, left, talks strategy with Graeme McCarrell. At left, Rob Rutherford prepares a stone, in the "A" Side Final.

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The Leads & Seconds Bonspiel will take place January 24 at the Bradford Curling Club, 125 Simcoe Rd., with an early draw at 8:30 a.m., and late draw at 10:30 a.m. The format is "Monkeyspiel" - with players playing all positions - and the theme is "Hawaii Aloha."

The Bradford Curling Club is hosting a

Family Day Open House on Saturday, February 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a great opportunity for families to drop in, and discover the great sport of curling. Learn the basics - all equipment provided. Just bring a clean pair of shoes, to wear on the ice. Snacks and refreshments will be available.

For information see www.bradfordcurlingclub.ca

Hockey Day in BWG

The 7th annual Hockey Day in Bradford West Gwillimbury will take place Saturday, February 14, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bud Brown Memorial Park and the Bond Head Community Hall in Bond Head. Includes a Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Bond Head Lions, starting at 8 a.m., followed by an outdoor Pond Hockey Tournament for Tyke and Novice teams starting at 8:30 a.m., and airbrush tattoos and strolling entertainment inside the Community Hall at 9 a.m. The Lions will serve up a BBQ lunch at 11 a.m. Hockey Day in BWG is an annual celebration of hockey, organized by the Town of BWG Leisure Services. For more information, contact Joe Lotto at 905-775-5339 ext. 5102, or jlotto@townofbwg.com

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Health & Wellness

Launching Fitness For Breath

Fitness For Breath is described as a "post-rehabilitation" program - a respiratory maintenance program for those suffering from chronic lung disease, such as COPD, asthma or Pulmonary Fibrosis, who are already diagnosed, and undergoing treatment.

"It's based on research, and what helps people living with lung disease. The activities and exercises are specifically tailored to people who have a serious lung disease, with input from clients," explains Andrea Stevens Lavigne, The Lung Association Ontario Vice President of Provincial Programs.

The program was first developed as a "pilot project" at the Whitby Activity Centre, about 2 years ago - where it continues to provide exercise opportunities for between 15 and 20 individuals, per class. Now, with provincial support, Fitness For Breath is expanding to 8 to 10 new centres across Ontario - including Bradford.

On January 15, the Lung Association launched the expanded program at the BWG Leisure Centre. Mayor Rob Keffer was among the dignitaries attending the launch, and shared a personal experience with the value of rehabilitation and exercise.

His father, Bruce Keffer suffered an exposure to Silo gas nearly 50 years ago. "There was no treatment," the Mayor noted, and far less awareness of the dangers and potential for permanent lung damage, as a result of exposure to Nitrogen dioxide.

Keffer Senior suffered from COPD - chronic obstructive pulmonary disease - but received rehabilitation and a fitness program tailored to his needs, back in 2001. "It really improved his quality of life," said Mayor Keffer. "He got to know the people in the program. They provided support." And while Bruce Keffer passed away in 2014, the Mayor said, "My father had many years of quality life, because of the exercise and training he learned through the exercise program."

He noted that while those with chronic lung disease can benefit from a fitness program, "yet lung disease often prevents them from participating."

There are an estimated 2.4 million Ontarians with serious lung disease, said Stevens Lavigne, but it is only recently, thanks to the work of the Lung Alliance, and Lung Health

Champions like local MPP Julia Munro, that the province has been developing a provincial Lung Health strategy.

"The Fitness For Breath program is important because it focuses on maintenance through physical activity, and can reduce the incidence of attacks and keep patients out of hospital." Exercise is important to all, but especially those with chronic lung disease."

Marilyn Sorochan is one of those patients. "I'm a person who has COPD," said Sorochan.

"The bottom line is we can't breathe easily. Every task leaves us a little more tired."

There is no cure, she said, but it is possible to manage and control the disease - through medication, education, and exercise, "to keep and maintain our lung capacity at its present level."

Fitness For Breath is designed to sustain lung capacity and improve strength, said Carole Madeley,

Director of Respiratory Health Programs with the Ontario Lung Association, "once you learn how to manage your lung disease."

The exercises focus on upper and lower extremity exercise and strength, and breathing techniques, under the direction of qualified and trained fitness staff, improving activity and daily function for persons with chronic lung disease. It is a "perpetual program," said Madeley. "Maintenance is for life." Fitness For Breath will be offered by a YMCAs in the Niagara Region, and in Elliot Lake, Barrie and Bradford. In Bradford, the program will take place from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on Fridays and Sundays at the BWG Leisure Centre, using the cardio exercise equipment, track, and studio on the 2nd floor of the centre - accessible by elevator. The program is free with membership to the Centre; a doctor or healthcare specialist referral is required.

For more information, contact Fitness Supervisor Stephanie Uren at suren@townofbwg.com or call 905-775-7529 ext. 8601, or ask at the Customer Service Desk.

For more information on lung health, contact The Lung Association Ontario, at 1-888-344-LUNG (3864).

From left, BWG Mayor Rob Keffer, COPD patient Marilyn Sorochan, VP of Provincial Programs for The Lung Association Ontario Andrea Stevens Lavigne, and Carole Madeley, Director of Respiratory Health Programs.

Photo and story by Miriam King, Bradford Times



RNS Wellness Fair

RNS Health & Wellness Centre is hosting a **Wellness Fair** on Saturday, January 24 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. - a family-friendly event that includes a Healthy Choice food cake, free 10 minute massages, free spinal assessments and GATE analysis, health talks at noon and 2 p.m., and Yoga sessions at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. - and a Kids' Activity Area.

There will also be a Free Raffle, with the draw to take place at 3:30 p.m.

RNS Health & Wellness is located in Unit L1 at 487 Holland St. West in Bradford. For more information, call 905-778-1888 or see www.rnshucentre.com

Laughology!

Green Connections presents **Laughology**, a documentary by Director Albert Nerenberg on Laughter Yoga and Laughterize. At the Hope-Sharon United Church, 18648 Leslie St. north of Newmarket, on Friday, February 6, starting at 7 p.m. No registration required. Admission is by donation. There will be door prizes.

Party Hard for Heart

GNC Live Well and Anytime Fitness present **Party Hard for Heart**, a fundraiser for the Heart & Stroke Foundation, on Saturday, February 7 from 4 to 9 p.m. Admission is free but entry fee for the Cardio Dance Contest, Bench Press Competition and 5K Spin Bike Race, is \$5. Great prizes, refreshments, live DJ and fun! Party Hard for Heart takes place at Anytime Fitness, 465 Holland St. West, Unit 1.

Simply for Life Pamper Yourself!

Pamper Yourself! Simply For Life is hosting a free event to nourish the body, mind and soul, at 157 Holland St. East 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 7. The event will feature Massage, Make-up by Mary Kay, Giddy Yo! to chocolates, demonstrations of Yoga and Meditation, essential oils aromatherapy, and more - plus a chance to win a luxurious gift basket. RSVP at 905-778-9998.

City-wide Fitness Challenge

The 8th annual **City-wide Fitness Challenge for the Heart & Stroke Foundation** will take place on Saturday, February 7, from 9 a.m. to noon - 3 hours of activity, led by top instructors in Sport Cardio, Boot Camp, Zumba and more, at the Magna Centre, 800 Mullock Drive in Newmarket. Register online at fitforheart.ca, individually or as a team. Minimum donation to participate is \$25 per person; fundraising is encouraged. Sign up before January 26 to be entered into a draw for a Heart & Stroke prize pack! For more information, contact Julia Holt at 905-653-6355 or jholt@hsf.on.ca



There were "Little Chefs" in the kitchen of the Ontario Early Year's Centre in Bradford, on January 17. The preschoolers listened to a modern retelling of the fable, "The Ant and the Grasshopper" - then created their own snack, of "Ants on a Log."

The log was a celery stick, stuffed with chocolate, peanut butter substitute or CheezWhiz; the "ants" were raisins - and the result, according to the little chefs, was delicious. **Little Chefs in the Kitchen** is a free program held Saturdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m., that includes a story, craft and creative snack. Sessions continue January 24 and 31; please pre-register.

The Ontario Early Years Centre-Bradford Satellite, located in the BWG Child & Family Services Building at 118 Barrie St., offers free programs and parenting resources

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Grandparents Parenting Action Support Group meets every Monday at the Centre, from 1 to 3 p.m. - a warm, supportive environment for grandparents with formal or informal custody of their grandchildren.

Amazing World of Science - hands-on science experiments for pre-schoolers, Saturdays 10 to 11 a.m. on February 7, 21 and 28. No registration required - drop in.

Kids in the Kitchen - Thursday, February 12 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., pre-schoolers will make Valentine's Day cookies for someone special. Pre-register!
Photo: Little Chef Tommy makes "Ants on a Log," Jan. 17.

